

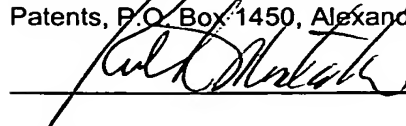
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**BEAM FORMATION UNIT COMPRISING TWO AXICON LENSES, AND
DEVICE COMPRISING ONE SUCH BEAM FORMATION UNIT FOR
INTRODUCING RADIATION ENERGY INTO A WORKPIECE
CONSISTING OF A WEAKLY ABSORBENT MATERIAL**

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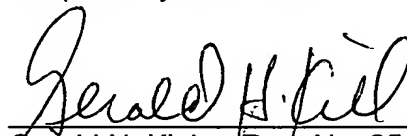
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